

RESOLUTION 32-2006

A Resolution Initiating A Study of Public Safety Planning Implications in the Madison County Portion of Big Sky, MT

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners, under the provisions of the Montana Code Annotated and the Constitution of the State of Montana is responsible for providing for public safety within the county; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and its integration into the provision of public safety services throughout the county has made re-assessment of the infrastructure a necessary part of the provision of such services, and

WHEREAS, rapid growth and changes in technological capability have combined to create a climate wherein a reassessment of all aspects of the existing provisions for public safety in the Madison County portion of the Big sky area would appear to offer the opportunity for cost-effective improvement in the level of services provided; and

WHEREAS, prominent members of the Big Sky community have informally offered to provide financial and administrative support for assessment of the existing provision of public safety services in the Madison County portion of Big Sky and in planning for improvements or realignment thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Madison County Planner, in conjunction with the Madison County Director of Emergency Management, to conduct a comprehensive investigation aimed at assessing the existing arrangements for provision of public safety services in Big Sky and arriving at recommendations for improvement thereof. This effort is to be undertaken with appropriate technical assistance from professional consultants commensurate with the fiscal resources which may be available; will include maximum feasible input from individuals and entities with local experience and interests in Big Sky public safety; and is to include the entire spectrum of public safety services to specifically include consideration of law enforcement, fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue and such other public safety services as may be appropriate to the overall aim of this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison County Planner and the Director of Emergency Management are directed to consider that the optimal opportunity to gain improvement from such a study is limited and that the recommendations are to be arrived at in as expeditious a manner as may be effective in their development.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 29th DAY OF JUNE, 2006.

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